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SUBJECT: MILITARY SITUATION IN ANGOLA DURING LUANDA CRISIS

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1. IN COURSE JULY 18 DISCUSSION BETWEEN HIGH COMMAND SOURCE AND CONGEN OFFICER ABOUT SITUATION IN LUANDA (REFTEL), SOURCE GAVE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON STATUS OF INSURGENCY ALONG ANGOLA'S BORDERS WITH ZAIRE AND ZAMBIA:

A. SITUATION ON THREE FRONTS QUIET DURING LAST WEEK.

B. SAVIMBI STILL WITH HIS FORCES NEAR LUSO AND NEGOTIATING WITH PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT FOR TERMS UNDER WHICH HE COULD LEGALLY JOIN POLITICAL FRAY.

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C. MPLA TROOPS LOYAL TO NETO WORKING FROM A BASE IN ZAMBIA NEAR

CAZOMBO SALIENT STAGED AMBUSH ABOUT 10 DAYS AGO NEAR TOWN OF CAZOMBO. (DURING BRIEFING OF VISITING DEPTOFF MARIANNE COOK JULY 11, HIGH COMMAND SPOKESMAN SAID BULK OF MPLA TROOPS IN EAST ARE LOYAL TO CHIPENDA, BUT 3 SMALL BASES LOCATED ALONG COLOMBO SALIENT REMAIN IN PRO-NETO HANDS.

2. COMMENT: IF TRUE THIS FIRST ACTION BY ANY MPLA FORCE IN EAST IN LONG TIME AND FIRST INDICATION THAT NETO STILL HAS SOME ADHERENTS INSIDE ZAMBIA.
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